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Of

Both *Houſes* of PARLIAMENT.

Preſented to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, March 1. 1641.

Together with diverſe queſtions upon his Majeſties laſt Anſwer concerning the *Militia*, Reſolved upon by both Houſes of Parliament, the 28 of February.

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Most gracious Soveraigne.

YOur Majesties most loyall and obedient subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament doe find their just apprehensions of sorrow and fear in respect of the publike dangers and miseries like to fall upon your Majesty and the Kingdome, to be much encreased upon the receit of your unexpected denyall of their most humble and necessary Petition, concerning the *Militia* of the Kingdome, especially grieving that wicked and mischievous Counsellors, should still have that power with your Majesty, as in this time of eminent and approaching ruine, rather to incline your resolutions to that which is apt to further the accomplishment of the desires of the malignant enemies of Gods true Religion, and of the peace and safety of your selfe and your Kingdome, then to the dutifull and faithfull counsell of your Parliament.

Wherefore they are inforced in all humility to protest, that if your Majesty shall persist in that denyall, the dangers and attempters of the Kingdom are such, as will indure no longer delay, but unlesse you shall be graciously pleased to assure to them by their Messengers, that you will speedily apply your Royall Assent to the satisfaction of their former desires, they shall be inforced for the safety of your Majesty and your Kingdomes, to dispose of the Militia, by the authority of both Houses, in such manner as hath beene propounded to your Majesty, and they resolve to doe accordingly.

They likewise most humbly beseech your Majesty, to beleeve that the dangerous and desperate designe upon the House of Commons mentioned in their Preamble, was not inforted with any intention or with the least aspersion upon your Majesty, but therein they reflected upon that malignant party, of whose bloody and malicious practices, they have had so often experience, and from which they can never be secured, unlesse your Majesty will be pleased to put from you those wicked and unfaithfull Counsellours, who interpose their owne corrupt and malicious designes betwixt your Majesties goodnesse and wisedome, and the prosperity and contentment of your selfe, and of your people. And that for the dispatch of the great affaires of the Kingdome, the safety of your Person, the protection and comfort of your Subjects, you will be pleased to continue your abode neere to *London* and the Parliament; and not to withdraw your

ſelfe to any the remoter parts, which if your Majeſty ſhould [illegible] muſt needs be a cauſe of great danger and diſtraction.

That your Majeſty will likewiſe be graciouſly pleaſed to continue the Princes Highneſſe in theſe parts at Saint *Jameſes*, or any other of your Houſes neere *London*, wher by the deſignes which the enemies of the Religion and peace of this Kingdome may have upon his Perſon, and the jealouſies and feares of the people may be prevented.

And they beſeech your Maieſty to be informed by them, that by the laws of the Kingdome, the power of raiſing, ordering, and diſpoſing the Militia within any City, Towne, or other place, cannot be granted to any Corporation by Charter, or otherwiſe, without the Authority and conſent of Parliament.

And that thoſe parts of the Kingdom which have put themſelves in a poſture of defence, againſt the common danger, have therein done nothing but according to the declaration and direction of both Houſes, and what is juſtifiable by the lawes of this Kingdome.

All which, their moſt humble counſell and deſires, they pray your Majeſty to accept as the effect of that duty and allegiance which they owe unto you, and which will not ſuffer them to admit of any thoughts, intentions, or endeavours, but ſuch as are neceſſary and advantageous for your Majeſties greatneſſe and honour, and the ſafety and proſperity of the Kingdome, according to that truſt, and power which the lawes have repoſed in them,

Divers Questions upon his Majesties last Answer, concerning the *Militia*, Resolved upon by both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved upon the Question by both Houses of Parliament

THat this Answer of His Majesty is a denyall to the desires of both Houses of Parliament, concerning the *Militia*.

Resolved, &c. That those that advised His Majesty to give this Answer, are Enemies to the State and mischievous Projectors against the defence of the Kingdom.

Resolved, &c. That this denyal is of that dangerous consequence, that if His Majesty shal persist in it, It will hazard the peace & safety of all his Kingdoms, unlesse some speedy remedy be applyed by the Wisedom and authority of both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved, &c. That such Parts of this Kingdom as have put themselves into a Posture of defence against the common danger, hath done nothing but what is justifiable, and is approved by the House.

Resolved, &c. That if His Majesty shall remove into any remote Parts from His Parliament, it will be a great hazard to the Kingdom, and a great prejudice to the proceedings of the Parliament.

Resolved, &c. That these Houses holds it necessary, That His Majesty may be desired, That the

Prince

Prince may come unto Saint *James*, or to some other convenient place neere about London, and there to continue.

Resolved, &c. That the Lords be desired to ioyn with this House in an humble request unto his Majesty; That he will bee pleased to reside neer his Parliament, That both Houses may have a convenience of Accesse, unto him upon all occasions.

Resolved, &c. That the Lords be moved to ioyne with this House in some fit course of examination, to find who were the Persons that gave his Majesty this advice, that they may be removed from his Majesty; and brought to condigne punishment.

Resolved, &c. That no Charter can be granted by the King, to create a power in any Corporation, over the Militia of that place, without consent of Parliament.

Resolved, &c. That the Lords shall be moved to ioyne with this House in these Votes.

Resolved, &c. That the Lords shall be desired to appoynt a select Committee, that may ioyne with a Committee of a proportionable number of this House; to consider, and prepare what is fit to be done upon these Votes, or upon any thing that may arise upon this Answer of his Majesty concerning the Militia, and concerning the Prince.

FINIS.